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but when somebody figures out a way to try to get the job done, do we say fine, let's give it a try, no we get a lot of comment on this floor, let's don't do that. Well then come up with something better, we have been going for a long time, a hundred years and we never have solved this problem, yet, and unless somebody does something to get the job done we will continue to have these blighted areas, they will continue to grow and spread and you'll continue to down grade or decrease the tax base, that you're talking about and your worried about. I can see that if this was to be fortunate enough to be passed by the voting public, we could then come back and provide in a bill just exactly what we are talking about, restricted to blighted areas in the bill, to a blighted residential areas in the bill and then possibly we could get something done to arrest the spread and also cure the core area blighted problem, and that's all in the world we got in front of us, it's a constitutional amendment, this is not a bill, we are not changing a statute, all we are doing is providing the method by which we can do it if the voting public says okay, and it's for that reason I would heartedly recommend that you not kill the bill.

SPEAKER: Now Senator Carpenter called for the previous question does the Chair see five hands. Thank you. The question is shall the debate now close, all those in favor of closing the debate, will vote aye, all those opposed will vote no. The question is shall the debate now close on the motion to indefinitely postpone. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, Mr. President to cease debate.

SPEAKER: The motion fails and at this time Senator Schmit may close on his motion to indefinitely postpone. Senator Schmit is closing.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President, members of the legislature, as I said before Senator Goodrich has some good arguments in favor of the bill, I don't deny that, I don't deny the problem exists I agree that it exists entirely across the state of Nebraska, but so long as land is available, at a price which the developers can pay, in the outskirts of these cities, the plain facts are there isn't much point in our moving in to a down town area and spending a large sum of money and getting a tax break to develop an area which has been abandoned, and I think that there are many areas, many areas across the state that need to be re-developed that are not going to be because of a variety of reasons, and the tax break is only one of them. I think that we have to look at the development of the population, the movement of the population, many other things have a bearing upon the valuation of the land, and the ability to move into an area and do what Senator Goodrich wants to do in this bill, is not in it's self going to solve the problem, and so ~~therefore~~ we have discussed this a great deal and a great length, we have taken a lot of time, I agree with what Senator Proud said this morning, we need to move along, and I again renew my motion to indefinitely postpone LB 72, and I hope you will go along with me.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion of the motion. The question is shall LB 72 as amended be indefinitely postponed. All those in favor vote aye, all those opposed vote no. Once again the Chair would remind you that this is the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 72. The motion is to indefinitely postpone LB 72 as amended. Have you all voted. The Clerk will record.

CLERK: 34 ayes, 4 nays, 11 not voting.

SPEAKER: The motion to indefinitely postpone prevails and the bill is indefinitely postponed. This bring up the general file consideration of LB 57, excuse me 249, excuse me 234, by Senator Fellman. Is Senator Fellman in the Chamber. He is gone, we will by-pass that, and move to 249.